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SHAI: The Exploits of Hagana Intelligence. By Efraim Dekel. Yoseloff. \$5.

THE HAGANA (Hebrew for "defense") was the secret organization in British mandated Palestine that constituted the bulk of Jewish resistance to His Majesty's government. This volume, by the chief of its security branch, is the first book-length account in English.

As an authoritative interpretation of a significant civilian-intelligence unit, covering its activities from about 1929 to the creation of the state of Israel in 1948, this is a noteworthy item.

What we are offered is a squint-eyed appraisal of a tiny portion of the world, with almost no reference to outside events. Secret combat training of Jewish youth, the abetting of illegal immigration and the penetration of the government's Criminal Investigation Department are the main topics.

In all of these endeavors, it would appear that the Hagana could do no wrong. From Dekel we get only one side; and if that side had a dark phase, it is not illuminated here.

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